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ROBERT R. OLIVER (Alpha), Grand President.



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## Contributions.

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### IMPRESSIONS FROM THE CONCLAVE.

To one who has watched the growth of Sigma Phi Epsilon from its very birth, the Conclave held in Pittsburg, April 24-27, was a grand success. On account of the fact that the fraternity is in its infancy, we did not have Alumni of any especial fame to elect as officers, but, on the other hand, we did have men who have so imbibed the spirit of and become enthused in Sigma Phi Epsilon, that they suited admirably the offices to which they were severally elected. As I looked into the faces of the brothers from the several Chapters represented, I could not but feel proud of the magnificent heritage of Alpha Chapter, which, four years ago, stood alone, attacked on all sides. But inside those four walls, that year, toiled the Charter members of Sigma Phi Epsilon with an aim in view to succeed and make Sigma Phi Epsilon stand for something to those who are called *brothers*.

What has been the outcome? In four short years Sigma Phi Epsilon has grown from one small band, one local Chapter, to fourteen live enthusiastic working Chapters, in colleges and universities all over the United States.

Enthusiasm, loyalty and brotherly love reigned supreme at the last Conclave, as an evidence that Sigma Phi Epsilon, has accomplished a great deal in its past life and still has its face turned ahead to greater achievements. Brothers, I say we should feel encouraged, we have a just right to be enthusiastic in the cause of the Purple and Red.

Expansion is a great thing for the fraternity, provided that the bond of unity keeps apace with it, for in the united brotherhood must the strength of the fraternity lay. To my mind, the

first step towards perfect unification of the Chapters, is through the official organ if the fraternity, *The Journal*.

This very thing was deeply felt at the Conclave. The delegates realized the need of a larger and better magazine and to that end, it directed financial assistance. Money will be a great aid in the work, but unless the Chapters, the individual brothers, faithfully uphold the editor-in-chief with articles and Chapter letters, the great purpose of the *Journal* is unaccomplished. Why doesn't the editor receive more articles than he can publish in a single issue? Why doesn't he receive promptly every Chapter letter, carefully written and giving full account of work from time to time? Is it lack of loyalty or enthusiasm? I cannot say that, for I have never yet met one Sigma Phi Epsilon who was ready to give up or who did not profess to be ready for anything. It is a lack of unity. We do not feel that Chapter is only one of a common family which is working with a common aim in view. Our fraternity ideas are bounded by the limits of the college campus. Each Chapter should let her sister Chapters feel thorough her articles and Chapter letters the very life of the Chapter and thus every Chapter can be kept in perfect touch and sympathy with every other one. Then will new life and stronger union spring up in the fraternity at large for the *Journal* is the one and only tie that can bind the Chapters together.

Along with the desire for better JOURNAL, one other which characterized the conclave was its earnestness of purpose. The spirit of the meeting was to reconstruct the constitution and ritual, so as to be a means of helping every Sigma Phi Epsilon to make himself pre-eminently useful to the world, provided he would live up to the spirit of them. Sigma Phi Epsilon is not and must not be simply a body of college men resembling other fraternities in outward appearances, but on the other hand, it must be a body of men united in the one purpose of assisting each other to make life a success. Brotherly love and success in the truest sense of the word is what Sigma Phi Epsilon must mean. Successful not only as an organization, but as individuals.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has long since passed the point where it is a question whether it will live or die. It stands to-day on a rock-solid foundation; now is the time to begin with renewed

zeal its structure to encourage expansion, and at the same time, to foster unity and complete sympathy among the chapters. Let every Sigma Phi Epsilon feel it his duty to support Editor-in-Chief, Grand President, Grand Secretary and Keeper of Records, and with such co-operation and such system of work as we have the Purple and Red must wave high in the realms of the Greek-letter world.

CLIFTON H. HOWELL,  
Alpha.

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### TRUE FRATERNITY SPIRIT.

Every man has some idea of the meaning of the term, "true fraternity spirit," but these ideas vary with the nature of the man. They are broad or narrow as the man is broad or narrow-minded. The only true and lasting fraternity spirit is that broad love for mankind that prompts a spirit of pure unselfishness, and unselfishness that enables us to see the good in our fellowmen, those who are in other fraternities and those who are not in any fraternity, an unselfishness that enables us to sympathize with them in their hopes and their disappointments; an unselfishness that hides self-interest behind the wider interests of the great brotherhood of mankind. Such unselfishness must touch not only our chapter brothers, but must shed its benign influence into the lives of those without our charmed circles, whose hearts are craving love, sympathy, and encouragement. Such a spirit of unselfishness inevitably carries with it a spirit of service which must characterize the true fraternal spirit. Such a spirit is an inspiration to every one it touches, whether he be inside or outside the mystic portals of the Greek world.

The materialism of this age grinds men down to an unnatural self-interest. The true fraternal spirit overcomes even that monstrous power. It sets up as a standard of man's activity, not what he extracts from life but what he adds to life. The saddest failure in life is that life which, no matter how much wealth, power or social position it may have won for itself, has contributed nothing to lift its fellowmen from the "slough of despond" to higher and purer planes of intellectual and spiritual life.

As a man cannot afford to live to himself, neither can a group of men live to themselves and only for their own interest. College life is but the period of preparation for the duties of life. College life is of value in preparation as it fits a man for a life of usefulness to his community, his nation and his God. College life to-day demands that broad spirit mentioned above, but the problems that the United States faces to-day demand an even broader spirit of brotherly love. The spirit of sectionalism that characterized the fifties and sixties is dying out. To-day the tendency is toward class distinction. The problems connected with the relations between labor and capital, the corruption in municipal, state and national politics, various problems peculiar to different localities all call for solution and correction on the basis of true fraternal spirit.

If fraternity men do not cultivate that broad sympathy in college life they will never do anything in after life that will materially benefit mankind. It is a question of deciding between the low, narrow ideal of self-gain, and the high ideal of living so as to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number.

True fraternity spirit does not mean association with fraternity brothers only. It does not mean the Pharisaic spirit of holding aloof from the student body. It does not mean simply a social organization that carries with it no earnestness of purpose. It does not mean that a man goes into the fraternity simply for the good he can get out of it for himself in the way of college honors, and social advantages.

The strength and permanence of the fraternity depends upon the earnestness of purpose and hearty co-operation of every man in the fraternity. We plead for that broad fraternal spirit that looks beyond self-interest or chapter interest to the interests of humanity which is identical with the interest of the whole fraternity.

Our extension should not concern us so much now as our organization. The character of the organization to-day determines the future of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Let us instill the spirit of earnestness, truth and righteousness so deeply into the very constitution of the fraternity that it shall characterize every man who wears the "heart" in years to come.

J. B. WEBSTER.



CLARENCE LEE TURNIPSEED (Delta), Treasurer.

# Editorials.

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We regret to say that Brother W. L. Phillips is detained at the bedside of his sick father, and is unable to attend to his duties as editor. We sincerely hope that his father will soon be restored to health.

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## CONCLAVE.

Through the hospitality of Delta Gamma the Conclave assembled at Pittsburg, Pa., but it was decided that better work could be done away from the noise and smoke of the city, so Delta Alpha cordially invited the delegates to her new house at Washington and Jefferson College in the quiet little town of Washington, about thirty miles from Pittsburg.

Although not all the Chapters were represented the meeting was characterized by enthusiasm and earnestness of purpose. The spirit shown speaks very encouragingly for the future of the fraternity.

The measures adopted to put THE JOURNAL on a better footing, the new offices established for the purpose of facilitating the working of the fraternity, and above all, the election of enthusiastic yet conservative men to fill these offices, bear witness to the good judgment of the delegates assembled.

Bro. R. R. Oliver, as Grand President, by his love for the fraternity and willingness to sacrifice himself will not leave a stone unturned in building up the fraternity. He will have an able second in Bro. Fergus, of Theta Alpha, who was elected to the new office of Vice-President.

Bro. Moore, of Delta Alpha, is the man for the office of Secretary of the Grand Council. The position demands a prompt, business-like, yet courteous man. Bro. Moore is just such a man and we are sure that any who shall have occasion to correspond with him will find these qualities present to a marked degree.



The new office of Keepers of the Records is of great importance to the fraternity and will become increasingly so as the fraternity expands and grows older. As men go out into active life and become prominent, as they are bound to do, these records will be of incalculable interest and value to the future wearers of "the heart." Bro. Hughes, of Delta Beta, will faithfully perform his duty, but he must have the hearty co-operation of every man who has taken the oath.

Bro. Turnipseed is the man to take up Bro. R. R. Oliver's work as Treasurer. It is a position of great trust and responsibility, and again it devolves upon the Chapters to see that the money due the Grand Council is paid up or that body cannot meet its obligations, and such a state of affairs will bring the whole fraternity into reproach.

The office of Guard has been found necessary to facilitate matters pertaining to the Conclave, and Bro. Talkington, of Gamma Beta, was happily elected to that position.

Bro. Phillips was re-elected Editor of THE JOURNAL, and is willing to serve the fraternity to the utmost of his ability.

Now, let us work together with these officers. They are giving freely of their time and energy for the interest of us all. Let us show our appreciation by helping them.

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## A PLEA FOR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

There is an old saying that "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." It is true of the world in every phase of life. It is true of the individuals in the Chapters and of the Chapters in their relation to fraternity as a whole. Each Chapter says, "Oh, it isn't necessary for us to pay up our indebtedness to the Grand Council. We need it here, and some of the other Chapters will come up with enough, so they can get along." And again a Chapter says, "Oh, we needn't bother about sending in our Chapter letter (or replying to that letter), for the editor will get what he wishes from the other Chapters." Brother Howell's appeal touches these points admirably.

People always avoid the idea of individual responsibility. Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and people say the same thing to-day when asked if the course of conduct they are pursuing from day to day is having an injurious effect on others with whom they come in contact.

When it comes to positive effort, there are still more who personal gain attached thereto. They fail to realize that they are made for society, not society for them.

The various officers, both local and national, must feel deeply that the life of the fraternity depends upon their performing their duties, not only to the letter—*e. g.*, by sending in a Chapter letter that it has taken about ten minutes to write—but the *spirit* also.

The two important offices in the Chapter are the presiding officer and the Chapter Secretary. With the changes that were made in the length of term of office at the conclave it is more urgent that the choice for these positions of honor should be very carefully chosen. They must be men who feel that the burden of the whole fraternity rests upon their shoulders.

Now, the individual responsibility of the members is even greater. An old verse from childhood days—

Little drops of water, little grains of sand  
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land,

might be parodied by—

Little steady workers, always right on hand,  
Mould our lov'd fraternity in one mighty band.

Some brothers seem utterly free from care or feeling of responsibility. They are lax about doing the work the Chapter places on them. They allow a few drudges to do all the work, and they reap the benefits. It is well known what happens to that sort of individual in a colony of bees. Such treatment is not fraternal, but if every member took a live, burning interest in the work of the fraternity, and showed it by taking the initiative in helping along the work, the spirit of the next conclave would be a revelation.

Brothers are often unwilling to *sacrifice* their own time, pleasure, or money even when it would be much better for all concerned if it were devoted to the interests of the fraternity. Determine to realize your responsibility to your brothers, and be true to it, and you will get a training that cannot help making you into the best citizen the nation can have.

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It is again necessary for the editor to raise his voice in protest against the unpardonable neglect of the chapter correspondents in not sending in their letter.

The editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* justly congratulates himself and his fraternity that he has a letter from every chapter in his April issue. The *Journal* is issued bi-monthly and for four successive issues has published every letter that was due. This is an object lesson that should make the negligent chapters heartily ashamed. The letters should also be carefully written. They should be a matter of pride. Don't scribble off any old thing as though you were writing home to your father a few days after he has sent you a check.

The chapter letters constitute the real life of the *Journal*. The editor may get off a few wise (?) sayings, and there may be some good contributions, but the chapter letter is what binds the fraternity together. Other fraternities judge our fraternity by the official organ, THE JOURNAL. If the brothers are as proud of the fraternity as they profess to be, pride alone should prompt them to help the editor make it the best possible publication.

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The editor's motive in quoting so copiously from some of the exchanges, was to give the brothers an idea of how other fraternity men think and feel; to show what they are thinking and talking about. The reason for this is that the brothers may know more definitely what kind of matter the editor wants.

This issue with two contributions and copious quotations reminds us of the Irishman who put all the load on the back end of his wagon, but we can't help it. It is "up to you" individually to help distribute the load more equally.

It is to be regretted that we haven't the pictures of all the new officers. We may publish the others in the October issue if they are sent in, the only reason why they were not published this time.

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### CERTIFICATES.

In the October number of THE JOURNAL we spoke of the new certificates. This seems to have been entirely overlooked or forgotten. All certificates must be ordered through the editor of THE JOURNAL and not from the engraver.

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"To the Editor:

"It is the wish of Gamma Beta that an extra effort be made to have every Chapter respond with a letter for the coming issue. Let us make this issue a red letter."

This little note appended to Gamma Beta's strong, enthusiastic letter should thrill every Chapter, those who have not sent theirs with shame at the neglect and determination never to let it happen again, and those who have written with the purpose to do even better next time. It should accomplish what all the "cussing" that both editor and associate are capable of doing cannot accomplish.

The editor has decided to publish the names of the Chapters who fail to send in their Chapter letters.

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Now is the time to get to work and pledge some good solid men for next year. The past eight months have given an opportunity for careful judgment of the men in your institution. Pick men for true worth. Hurry up and see how that pretty new pledge pin will look on some good men.

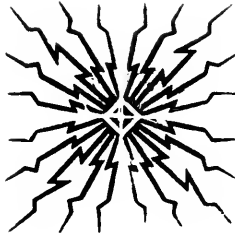
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We are glad to be able to introduce to the fraternity another baby sister, Theta Beta, at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

Eta Beta has showed her strength by kicking off her covers, climbing out of her crib, and telling the Greek world that she hails from A. and M. College, Raleigh, N. C. We are proud of her.

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We were delighted to receive on our exchange table the Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow*. By his tasty arrangement of the material and especially in the character of the matter chosen, Editor Rogers makes the publication a "rainbow" indeed, both in variety of color and in pleasing effect.





JAS. A. HUGHES (Delta Beta), Keeper of Records.



## Chapter Letters.

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### ALPHA.

**Richmond College.**

Meets in Hall on Campus every Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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To every Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha sends greeting.

Vacation can be seen in the near distance—a time looked forward to by every student, when he can rest from the monotonous routine of lectures and laboratories.

As we break ranks for the year 1904-'05, we find three brothers who have served in Richmond College their allotted time, and expect graduation in June. Brothers Dickinson and Hudgins expect to take their Bachelor of Arts degree, and Brother Howell, his Bachelor of Science degree.

Never in the history of the Chapter has a single Sigma Phi Epsilon failed to carry away this honor when applied for, and thus it behooves these three to put forth their strongest efforts to make more firm this precedent in scholarship; for scholarship among a few other such genuine qualities are the very principles from which Sigma Phi Epsilon must make solid its foundation.

We were very much pleased and encouraged at the results of the conclave which met in Pittsburg, Pa., April 24, 1905. Judging from the genuine, solid, sincere men which our sister Chapters sent to represent them at the Conclave, Sigma Phi Epsilon is on a firmer foundation and a better working basis than in any previous year of its history.

While speaking of the Conclave, we feel that we owe to

Delta Gamma and Delta Alpha a very great debt of gratitude for the hospitable and brotherly way in which our representatives and alumni of Alpha were received.

As we near the close of the college year and look back over the work of the Chapter, we find that it has by no means been a failure. As to class work, every brother so far has been successful, and has his colors flying.

In athletics, we have the following men: Brother Webster, captain of the foot-ball team of 1904 and member of Executive Committee of Athletic Association for 1905-'06; Brother Mench, captain of the foot-ball team of 1905; Brother Hudgins, vice-president of the Athletic Association. On the foot-ball team of 1904 we had four men, and on base-ball team, one man.

Field Day will be held Friday, May 12th, and we certainly expect honors for Sigma Phi Epsilon then.

Along literary lines, Brother Hudgins is assistant editor of *College Annual*; Brother Dickinson, assistant editor of *College Magazine*, and Brother Webster, business manager of *College Magazine*. Brother Dickinson also represents us in the Dramatic Club. Brother Kahle won best debater's medal in one of the literary societies.

Since our last letter, no students have either come in or developed who, in our opinion, have come up to Sigma Phi Epsilon's standard; hence we have no new initiates to introduce to the Fraternity.

We are, however, proud of the record of Alpha for the past year, and feel very much encouraged at the prospect for a successful year next year. Nine brothers from our present number expect to come back next year.

On the evening of April 1st we entertained our sisters at cards in our halls on the campus, and, as usual, the occasion was one of great delight to us all. We feel justly proud of Alpha's circle of sisters, and love to make mention of them to our sister Chapters. They have certainly proven themselves loyal and true to Sigma Phi Epsilon, and a great aid to the work and life of the Chapter.

We were glad to welcome into our halls Brothers Shawen James, and Turnipseed, of Delta. The afternoon was made all the more pleasant by the presence of our sisters and friends. Mrs. Turnipseed honored us with her presence, and we were



delighted, for she is as loyal as her son, and has shown her loyalty in very substantial ways. While on that same day William and Mary defeated us on the base-ball field, it in no way marred that "mystic tie" of love and brotherhood which *must* always characterize every knight of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On May 6th several of Alpha's men, sisters and friends paid a flying visit to Williamsburg, where we were received by Delta in a most hospitable manner. In the forenoon we were taken to visit the many places of historical interest at Virginia's old capital, and in the afternoon we were tendered invitations to an impromptu german given by Delta Chapter, which proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Among the many pretty figures danced was one in the shape of our Fraternity emblem, in the middle of which the brothers collected, and gave Sigma Phi Epsilon yell. The favors were pretty little double heart-shaped fans, on which were the Fraternity's initial letters.

We feel that we owe Delta Chapter a very great debt of gratitude for their kindness, and a most delightful day.

In closing, we wish to impress upon the Chapters the opportunity that every man has to work for Sigma Phi Epsilon during vacation. Work for good men to come to your school, and then see that you get him for Sigma Phi Epsilon as soon as possible and practicable after he has matriculated.

To those of us who are about to be launched out alone upon the great sea of life, as well as those still in this process of educational preparation, we wish success and a most pleasant vacation.

Fraternally yours,

CLIFTON H. HOWELL.

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## GAMMA.

Roanoke College.

Meets every Friday night at 7:00 o'clock, in Room 16, Hotel Crawford, Main Street.

The Gamma Chapter sends greeting to all sister Chapters.

Every one at Roanoke is wondering what the home people will think of their last report, and how the next game of ball will come out. Roanoke has several good games listed for this year, and we hope our team will do honor to the College.



A few weeks ago Brother C. L. Turnipseed was elected our representative to the Conclave. "Turnie" has been working hard "getting things in shape," and we are confident he will stand by Delta Chapter through thick and thin.

At a recent date we were royally entertained by Brother Tracy J. Kingman. After various games and other amusements, we were ushered into the beautifully-decorated dining-room, where we were elegantly served. Several brothers responded nicely to the toasts. We all testify to a very pleasant evening.

The following evening Brother Kingman entertained the Epsilon Charge of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.

The Dramatic Club is hard at work on a military drama entitled, "Down in Dixie." The play is very interesting, and will no doubt be a "howling success." Our sister, Miss Virginia B. Braithwaite, along with Brothers Durkee and Flannagan, figure prominently in the play.

At a recent meeting the following officers were installed: Brothers Charles W. Sydnor, C. Lee Turnipseed, Benjamin A. Warriner, B. C. Flannagan, and Charles F. James.

On May 6th Mr. G. L. H. Johnson, of Southampton county, was led through the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This is Brother Johnson's second year at College, and he bids fair to be a power in college, not only among the students, but his silvery-toned oratory has become quite popular with the ladies.

With best wishes for the success of Sigma Phi Epsilon,  
I remain, Yours fraternally, B. C. FLANNAGAN.

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**BETA ALPHA**—No Letter.

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**GAMMA BETA.**

**University of West Virginia.**

Meets every Saturday night, at Hall in Garlow Building.

Although we have many reasons for feeling justly elated over the recent successes in the extension of Sigma Phi Epsilon, still it is with feelings mingled with a little sadness and regret,

that we write this closing letter for the year. School friendships and associations are often the most sacred and lasting. And in after years, where we have scattered, each to fill his little station in the various walks of life, we will in our reminiscent moods often look back with pleasure to the days when we were at Gamma Beta. To at least three of us this means, perhaps, the end of a happy companionship with our brothers. When the bonds of holy friendship have become so firmly cemented as they are within the portals of Sigma Phi Epsilon, who of us can say good-bye without the shedding of a tear. In the future we may form many strong and lasting friendships, but none can ever fill that aching void, left in our hearts, that we feel when we as students have gone out from Gamma Beta forever.

Holy Friendship.—What feelings of love, sacrifice, and pleasantness those words arouse. How familiar and loved faces come up before our vision. How indelibly those words are stamped upon our hearts until, in the future, they will ever, like a beacon light, guide us on to the high, true, and noble things of life; and teaching us that grand truth set forth by our Mater, that our only true happiness comes from the knowledge of having done something to make the pathway of a brother a little brighter. Truly, our first duty is to those around us.

We thought that fate had been indeed unkind to us, when Brother Conway was forced to leave us at the beginning of the present quarter. Although we keenly regret the loss of one of our most energetic, loyal and faithful members, we can only say, God speed him in his chosen work, and in the future may he become an alumnus to whom Gamma Beta will ever point with pride, as one of her earliest and most energetic members. Brother Conway, having completed his work, has gone to Pennsylvania to pass the Bar examination, where he expects to begin the work of his chosen profession. May "Judge" be some day fixed to his name, is the earnest wish of his brothers.

Brother Holland also left us at the beginning of the quarter to accept a position in Pittsburg, but we hope to have him with us again the coming year, and we feel that he will very materially help to push Sigma Phi Epsilon upward to the place she so justly deserves.

Brother Burnet is also out of school, with an engineering corps, but will be with us again next year.

At the close of the present year, Brothers Talkington, Campbell, and your correspondent, will leave the school to enter the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore. With these three and the two brothers we already have in that institution, we hope to have quite a nice little nucleus for a future Chapter.

Our outlook for the coming year is bright. We have three good men in view, who may become members before the end of the year. Besides, we have five promising pledges who are making encouraging records in athletics. These are Mr. John Wyatt, captain of the "prep." base-ball team; Mr. Edward Gregg, Mr. Gale Dent, Mr. C. T. Thompson, all prominent students, and Mr. William Philips Simmons, a member of the University Reserve base-ball team, of which Brother Dyer is captain and Brother Gorky a member. So far this team has met no defeat. Besides these, we have five more prospective pledges, whom we believe, if obtained, will do much in years to come for the honor of Red and Purple.

Brother Talkington is our representative to the Conclave, and also historian of the Sophomore Medical Class, of which Brother Campbell is secretary.

Brother Robinson is distinguishing himself on the track team and Brother West is as popular as ever in military circles.

Brothers Cullinan, Nolte and McIntire have all visited us this term and gave us much encouragement in the progress we are making.

Brother McIntire has just successfully passed the Bar examination here and will soon take up the work of his chosen profession.

We expect to meet some of our Delta Gamma brothers on the base-ball field here in the near future, but only in the true spirit of our Order.

And now with the sincerest feelings of brotherly love, and wishes for the best success to all brothers of the Purple and Red, and hoping that the banner of the heart may always be loyally defended, by all to whom it is most dear, we now close. May the seeds sown by Brother Philips bring forth such abundant harvests that it may be truthfully said to wear the "heart" is greater than to win a crown, is the most heartfelt wish of Gamma Beta.

Fraternally yours, W. LEE COOGLE.



DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE—Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.



A Group of Delegates on the steps of Delta Alpha Chapter House.

## **DELTA ALPHA.**

**Washington and Jefferson College.**

Meets every Monday at 6:30 P. M., in our meeting room in our Chapter House.

Once more we take pleasure in greeting our sister Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon. During the spring vacation we moved from our old home to a much larger and better house. We consider it the best fraternity house in Washington.

Brother Peters, of the Ohio Surveying Corps, paid us a visit during the annual gymnasium contest on March 17th.

We hope to be able to turn out in full force to the Conclave. At any rate Delta Alpha will be represented.

We are glad to hear that there have been some new Chapters added to Sigma Phi Epsilon and we extend to them a hearty welcome.

To all brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon we extend an invitation to visit us at our new house of which we are justly proud.

Fraternally yours,

EARLE R. FORREST.

Note.—This letter was received before Conclave.

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## **DELTA BETA.**

**Jefferson Medical College.**

At the closing of a most prosperous year for Delta Beta, we again greet our sister chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Since our last letter we have initiated J. A. Broadfield, of the Junior Class, and H. N. Scholl and P. R. Smith, of the Sophomore Class, making our membership now amount to twenty-seven. This is about twice the number we had at the opening of the year, and, considering that these men were carefully picked, it is needless to say that Sigma Phi Epsilon will stand prominent amongst the fraternities of this College.

On March 22d, with the aid of our Delta Delta brothers at the University of Pennsylvania, we gave a dance, to which our friends and a few prospective members were invited. Some of the professors were present to participate in the enjoyment, as well as to add dignity to the occasion by their presence. The evening was ideal for dancing, and a goodly number were in attendance, but the hall was not crowded, which feature added to the success of the event. Refreshments were served during the intermission. At 1 o'clock the merry crowd broke up—the evening having passed only too quickly, and the pleasant remembrance of the occasion will long remain fresh in our minds. Brother Broadfield, as chairman of the committee, should be complimented on his efficiency in the hall decorations and the general management of the affair.

The home problem is *the* question with us just now, and things point to a house for a certainty next year. Brother Mace, although a busy senior, has found time “between the acts” to gather much valuable information regarding the rental, purchase, etc., of suitable houses in this vicinity. We regret that Brother Mace cannot be with us next year, and we fully appreciate his efforts for our future interests and prosperity.

Just at present our time is well occupied in preparing for the “finals,” which will soon determine our fate, and little time is left for social enjoyments.      Fraternally,

A. W. JOHNSON.

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## DELTA GAMMA and DELTA DELTA

No Letters.

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## EPSILON ALPHA.

University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday night in Chapter House.

For the last time this school year it is our pleasure to greet the sister Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon through THE JOURNAL.



Since our last letter a great deal has been done in the way of finding a suitable house for next year, but while we have several on our list we have settled on none. At our present rate of growth we will need a larger Chapter House than the one we have.

At a recent "High School Day" exercises we kept open house from 9 A. M. to 7 P. M. The Inter icholastic oratorical contest and also the track and field meet are held here on that day, which events always bring several train loads of High School students from all over this and adjoining States, thus giving us an excellent chance to see what kind of material we shall have to work on the following year..

We are fortunate in pledging Stephen J. Knight on this day, who is a brother of R. D. Knight, one of our most active members. We have pledged two other fine men since our last letter went in, viz., Guy W. Smith and Elmer Underwood, both of the class of '08.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Underwood are both strong students, the latter also enjoying the distinction of being star pitcher on the Varsity base-ball team, which recently had a very successful trip through Kansas and Nebraska.

The appearance of our house has recently been very much enhanced by the addition of an electric sign, which was made by Bros. Knight, Kroger and Sovereign. The sign is about a foot high and is the exact counterpart of our pin, sixteen small electric lamps being arranged around the outside in much the same way as the jewels on the pin. The front is of yellow glass behind which are lamps to illuminate the skull and letters which shine out with a golden light. It shows up nicely, and serves as a guiding star to any late coming brother who may have forgotten which house contains his happy home.

Would here put in a warning word to sister Chapters to be ready to swap pennants next fall, for we are going to adopt this usual means to beautify our front hall.

Hoping that all sister Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon have as bright an outlook as we have, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

H. E. SOVEREIGN.

## ZETA ALPHA.

It is with pleasure that Zeta Alpha learns of the new Chapters which have been added to the fraternity since our initiation into the brotherhood.

Some of our men have left college since we were last heard from in *THE JOURNAL*, but those of us who remain are still to be reckoned as a factor yet. We have made arrangements to take in several more desirable men just as soon as our present final exams. are over, so that our Chapter will be, at the beginning of next session, stronger and more vigorous than ever before.

There has been some talk of our securing a regular Chapter House for our men to live in, but this will not be definitely settled until the beginning of next session. We have in mind one or two very desirable locations which we can secure, and it only depends on how those of us who will return next year feel at the opening of the next term.

While we are handicapped to a certain extent by being "under the bars," still we are flourishing and work together as one man; and whenever there is a contest for any office, we are pretty apt to be heard from. For instance, this session, with an average of about nine members, we have landed the following offices, in addition to several minor ones which we do not mention: Editor-in-chief of our college annual; editor-in-chief of our college magazine, with two literary editors of the same; president of one literary society, and vice-president of the other; literary critic and secretary of one society, and censor and treasurer of the other; president and vice-president of the senior class; manager of the foot-ball team; captain of the base-ball team, and manager thereof for next year; two or three of our men are on the 'varsity foot-ball team, and about the same number are on the base-ball. We have also been represented in the two or three public contests in debate and oratory held this session.

Of course we have to be a little cautious at times, but when we have ever once started a thing we go right ahead with it.

We are, it is true, a little out of the exact geographical centre of where the majority of our Chapters are located, but if

any brother should happen to pass through our city, we shall be more than delighted to see him, and will do all in our power to make his stay a pleasant one.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENT.

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## ETA BETA.

North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The Eta Beta Chapter takes great pleasure in extending greetings to her sister Chapters of the Sigma Phi Epsilon.

This Chapter was recently established by Bros. R. R. Oliver and G. L. Doughty, of Alpha, and consists of the following as charter members: William F. Brock, Lacy Moore, Jek-ton L. Hemphill, Robert P. Uzzell and Joseph P. Lovill.

During the first of May we had the pleasure of having with us Bro. R. R. Oliver, of Alpha, who remained here for one week. While he was here, Bros. Claude E. Dawson, of the sophomore class, and Cary M. Warren, of the freshman class, were initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Bro. Oliver was master of the ceremonies. They are both strong men and will be a credit to the fraternity.

Though small in number, we have our share of the honors of the College. In the recent class elections your correspondent was elected president of the next years' senior class, and Bro. Moore vice-president of same. Bro. Dawson is treasurer of next years' junior class. Bro. Moore is also vice-president of the German club, and treasurer of the Athletic Association. Bro. Hemphill is assistant manager of the next years' base-ball team. All of us hold high honors in the military department except Bro. Warren, who is not eligible.

The prospects for next year are very bright, as all of our present members expect to return and we expect to get our share of the new men, although we have four rivals: Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Wishing each brother a pleasant vacation, I will close.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH P. LOVILL.

## THETA ALPHA.

Ohio Northern University.

It is with great pleasure that we take this the second opportunity to greet all Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We regret very much to report the loss as active members of Theta Alpha, of Brothers Rittman and Durkin. Brother Rittman goes to Cleveland to accept a position as head of the shipping department of the Kilby Mfg Co., and Brother Durkin is purchasing agent for the Vulcan Iron Co., of Toledo, O. We feel sure that should any Sigma Phi Epsilon call upon either of the brothers, they will be royally entertained.

The Theta Alpha "goat" has had the pleasure of butting Charles Wilson, of Ada, Ohio, and Lawrence Velte, of Pittsburgh, Pa., into the land of fraternity. We are justly proud of our new brothers and only wish that all could know them as we do.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit from Brother Phillips on his return from the West.

The base-ball season is near at hand and Ohio Northern has the best schedule in the history of the University. Brother Floyd MacKown has been elected general manager of athletics.

Brother Maglott, as lieutenant-colonel of the Cadet Battalion, is working hard to make the annual color contest, which takes place one May 18, as good, if not better, than the one held last season.

The new Brown Auditorium is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished, will add much to the convenience of the college.

We have no hall as yet, but have in view a suite of rooms opposite the University buildings, which will soon be vacated, and if we are successful in getting located there, we will be very nicely fixed.

Brother Frank Gonnar has been chosen to represent us at the Conclave, and through him we hope and believe we will make many friends for Theta Alpha Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR J. WHITE.

## THETA BETA.

Wittenberg College.

This is Theta Beta's initial letter to THE JOURNAL and with pleasure we send greeting to our sister Chapters. We were introduced into the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon on the 21st of April by Brothers Phillips, of Alpha Chapter, and Maglott, of Beta Alpha Chapter. The list of charter members is as follows: Clyde A. VerBeck, Shelby, Ohio; Clarence E. Paulus, Elkhart, Indiana; Howard C. Stafford, New Springfield, Ohio; Alfred Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Paul L. Overhuls, Springfield, Ohio.

Our men have a goodly share of the College honors, as Brother Stafford is foot-ball manager for 1905, and has a crack team "W," Brother Paulus is president of the Y. M. C. A., and is quite a ladies' man. Brother VerBeck is president of the Excelsior Literary Society and editor-in-chief of the *Grand Catalogue of Wittenberg*. Brother Smith is monitor of the Philosphian Literary Society and is also a Y. M. C. A worker. We have several good men in view, but we realize that we are late for this year's men as there are four other fraternities here.

We have a bright outlook for next year, both for men and for a house. With best wishes to sister Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon, I am,

Yours fraternally,

PAUL L. OVERHULS.



## The Greek Press.

*The Kappa Alpha Journal* contains a good article by an Alumnus, on "The Duty of Alumni," which contains some timely advice. The writer says, "The general consensus of opinion seems to be that it is the fault of our Chapters that every Alumnus does not exhibit that enthusiasm in the cause that he should. \* \* \* An enthusiastic Alumnus is directly a product not of the Chapters, but of his own making."

Naturally, men who take no interest while active members, will never be enthusiastic Alumni, but even hard workers lose interest when they get out of college. He urges Alumni to visit their respective Chapters and know the men personally; to answer Chapter communications promptly; to give information promptly when requested; to correspond personally with some one active member of the Chapter.

In closing he puts it strongly and says, "We Alumni should cease our babyish cry that our Chapters do not take the interest in us that is our due. The Chapter has work enough of its own, and we should endeavor to help it, not keep it busy manipulating the bellows lest the smoldering fire of our interest in the Order die out. Begin now by subscribing to *THE JOURNAL*."

Kappa Alpha is taking active measures to quicken the interest of her Alumni, particularly in West Virginia. It can easily be seen that the most excellent results for any fraternity can be accomplished only by Alumni and active members getting together and working shoulder to shoulder.

Another contribution on "The Ideal Chapter House," very sensibly says, "The best way to create and nourish the proper enthusiasm in a Chapter is to place that Chapter in a position where the members can most often come into touch and association with each other. The close association engenders enthusiasm. \* \* \* It is the spirit that smothers selfishness. \* \* The making of men should be the settled purpose of all fraternities. Character building is the noblest work given man and is the *summum bonum* of fraternities.. The house best calculated to bring about these results is the ideal Chapter house—the combination lodge and rooming house."

Every Chapter that hasn't a Chapter House should start a fund for that purpose at once, no matter how small the beginning it means increased strength along with increased good. In this connection the article by Editor Rogers, of Delta Tau Delta "Rainbow," on "Chapter House Alchemy," is inspiring and so much to the point that we will quote nearly the whole article:

"We do not urge the importance of every Chapter being housed primarily because such a situation will strengthen a Chapter's position in its local field and materially assist it in its rushing work. The greatest advantages of Chapter House life are the greater cohesion it gives a Chapter and the more effective moulding of the new material it makes possible. This latter is the most essential factor in the entire fraternity system, and it is the most important of a Chapter's duties. Every fraternity man looks back with keenest appreciation to the education and shaping he owes his Chapter. If all the benefits of the fraternity were confined to the four years a man spends in the Chapter House; he would still owe his fraternity a debt of gratitude a whole lifetime of loyalty and service could not repay.

College life in itself does much for one. It opens a new world of thought and is a keen incentive to the eager mind of youth. But chapter life is a far more important factor in a man's life and leaves the stronger impress on his character. This great fact is the reason why, in the selection of his fraternity, a man should give the character and personnel of the local Chapter he is asked to join a greater importance in influencing his decision than he allows all other considerations combined. These are the men with whom he will have to live on the most intimate terms for four years. For all concerned to successfully stand this test there is need of a basic liking and congeniality. But there is a still more important consideration for the freshman. These men are the pattern of what he will be, and the qualities he finds in them will be his also. Not that he will weakly copy them, but unconsciously he will more and more form himself on the common type of his Chapter brothers. He will absorb the prevailing sentiments, he will broadly imitate his brothers because he loves and admires them, and, without taking any particular thought to it, he will unwittingly conform to the general type in habits, dress and speech. If the type is a worthy one, the man gains much and loses no more of

his real personality and individuality than does the iron that is shaped into the keen-edged chisel.

The fraternity becomes a factor in a man's life at his formative period, when he is peculiarly receptive of new impressions, and it continues as a strong influence during his years of forced growth and unfoldment, when he is building the character and forming the habits that will remain with him for the rest of his life. For our readers we need not indicate how Delta Tau Delta insures that these important influences shall be of the highest character and such as shall minister to the most worthy ends. To her votary the fraternity is more than the hand-maiden of his pleasures; even more than a kindly fostering mother. She is the jealous, but loving, mentor of his young manhood and the painstaking architect of his character. Cognizant of her high responsibilities and limited in the exercise of her potent power for good to the active Chapters as a medium, she must be especially concerned that these avenues of influence are themselves both efficient and high-grade. Her more abstract principles of manhood and character are inculcated by precept, though exemplified by all her members. But the elimination of faults and the acquisition of most of the small, every-day virtues of the fraternity man are gained in the intimate, close early life of the Chapter House. Selfishness, conceit, and hypocrisy are instinctively created by the healthy young fellow, and in the Chapter House life they find a soil too well cultivated to support their noxious growth. To shape and improve its men a Chapter but infrequently has need of outspoken criticism. Moral force and the prevalence of a strong, healthy general sentiment will usually accomplish the desired result, though in especial cases very effective assistance may be lent by a muscular delegation of sophomores.

In Chapter House life there is a profound stimulus, a pressure forward. Every man encourages the next man's talent. The entire Chapter will work and hope steadily for each member's success, whether he be a foot-ball player, musician, athlete or journalist. Every freshman is ordered to come out for something, be it Phi Beta Kappa, the hurdles or the glee club. At no place can discussion be more frank, sincere and well-meant than in a Chapter House talk. Men may come from opposite sides of the continent, men differing in experience, in



home training, in political, social or religious views. But when these elements occur in a small coterie founded on friendship, equality and true brotherly regard, and blend, as they can blend, in a good Chapter House, the result is broadening and uplifting to every individual. As a man's mental horizon enlarges he becomes a more broad-guage, capable citizen, and many a successful business or professional man looks back and sees that those qualities to which he owes most of his success were acquired in his undergraduate fraternity days. Chapter House life means years of family life and of business partnership at the same time. The fraternity man acquires executive power. As a freshman he learns to obey; as an upper-classman, to command. He learns the work of committees, and he may in turn serve as a treasurer, secretary and president. He has learned to estimate a man in a glance; he can force, persuade, threaten and conciliate."

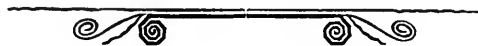
The April number of *Beta Theta Pi*, is full of accounts of the banquets of the midwinter season. The speeches reported quite fully, ring with noble thought and fraternal love. One speaker, responding to the toast, "A Beta in Utopia," after mentioning, as some of the qualities of the ideal Beta, self-mastery, unselfishness, and sense of humon, says:

"And last, *the Beta of my ideal will take his fraternity relations seriously.* It is for this attitude that I plead year after year with the patient boys of my own beloved Chapter. There is a kind of college man whose fraternity is an organization that gives him a badge to display, whose Chapter House is a convenient lodging-place, or a club where he may drop in to loaf or smoke, whose interest lies in the assurance afforded him of social standing in his school and community; but to whom the possibilities of true fraternity are a sealed book. Is there no serious side to it? Stop a minute, you upper-classman, and look at those younger boys who have been your brothers for six months or a year. Are they taking up little follies and vices that they were free from when they came to you? And who, save you, is responsible? Ask yourself whether you have any definite notions about college and fraternity manhood. Do you know that there is enough in your obligations to make you forever of steadfast integrity and high honor, and clean in speech and life, to keep you to pleasures which, as golden-hearted old Ike Walton

used to say, "Shall not make friends ashamed to look upon each other the next morning?" Are your years in the fraternity making you broad and sympathetic in your relations to other college men, or are you getting into the narrow belief that there is nothing fair and good outside of your own little group? It may be that you are merely a Beta, and no fraternity man at all. With unswerving loyalty first to my own brotherhood, I am more and more of belief that he was a wise college president who said: "A man should have many acquaintances, and a few very good friends outside his own fraternity." I cannot afford to miss the fineness of manhood and the devotion of friendship that may come to me from without; nor can you. In the end, it all comes to this; if, at the close of your college course your fraternity life has made you more of a man, it has been a success; if it has not, it has been a failure.

Do I seem to be giving you a homily instead of a toast? If it is so, I can only say in defence that I did not feel like coming a hundred and fifty miles to stand before you with no serious message. The essence of fraternity is as much in the man as in the thing. You yourselves may, and will, make it everything or nothing. And that is why at the last I say to you, measure the effectiveness of your life as Betas, if you will, by athletic honors gained and Germans led and positions of preferment attained; these things have a perfectly legitimate claim. But measure it more, and oftener, by love of comrades won, by encouragement and sympathy offered, by young ideals ennobled, by manly service rendered. So will your fraternity life bring you to utter the prayer that some day comes to the lips of every high-souled man:

"Ah Lord, make me thy knight-at-arms,  
And bring me quick where perils are;  
But, 'midst of shuddering alarms,  
Set honor on me like a star!"



# News of the Greek World.

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There has recently been started at University of Maine a movement to organize a fraternity composed of Masons regardless of affiliations with other fraternal organizations.

The motive is to promote friendly relations between Masons in various colleges and universities and to stimulate their interest in Masonic work.

The Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, by the order of the new president, Dr. A. B. Storms, allows the organization of Greek-letter secret societies. Fraternities have been excluded for a period of fourteen years, as the result of a bitter "anti-frat" war. Sigma Nu is the first on the field.

There are seven Chapter Houses in Virginia: Delta Tau Delta, Delta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Delta Kappa Epsilon, at the University; the new house of Theta Delta Chi, at William and Mary College and one rented by Theta Delta Theta at Randolph-Macon.

Kappa Alpha has three new Chapter Houses.

Zeta Tau Alpha Society has granted a charter to a fine group of young ladies at Richmond College, Richmond, Va. It is the only sorority that institution and its appearance called forth the heartiest welcome from the fraternities.

The annual Karnea of Delta Tau Delta is to be held at New York in August. The committee expects six hundred delegates, but plans to entertain a thousand.

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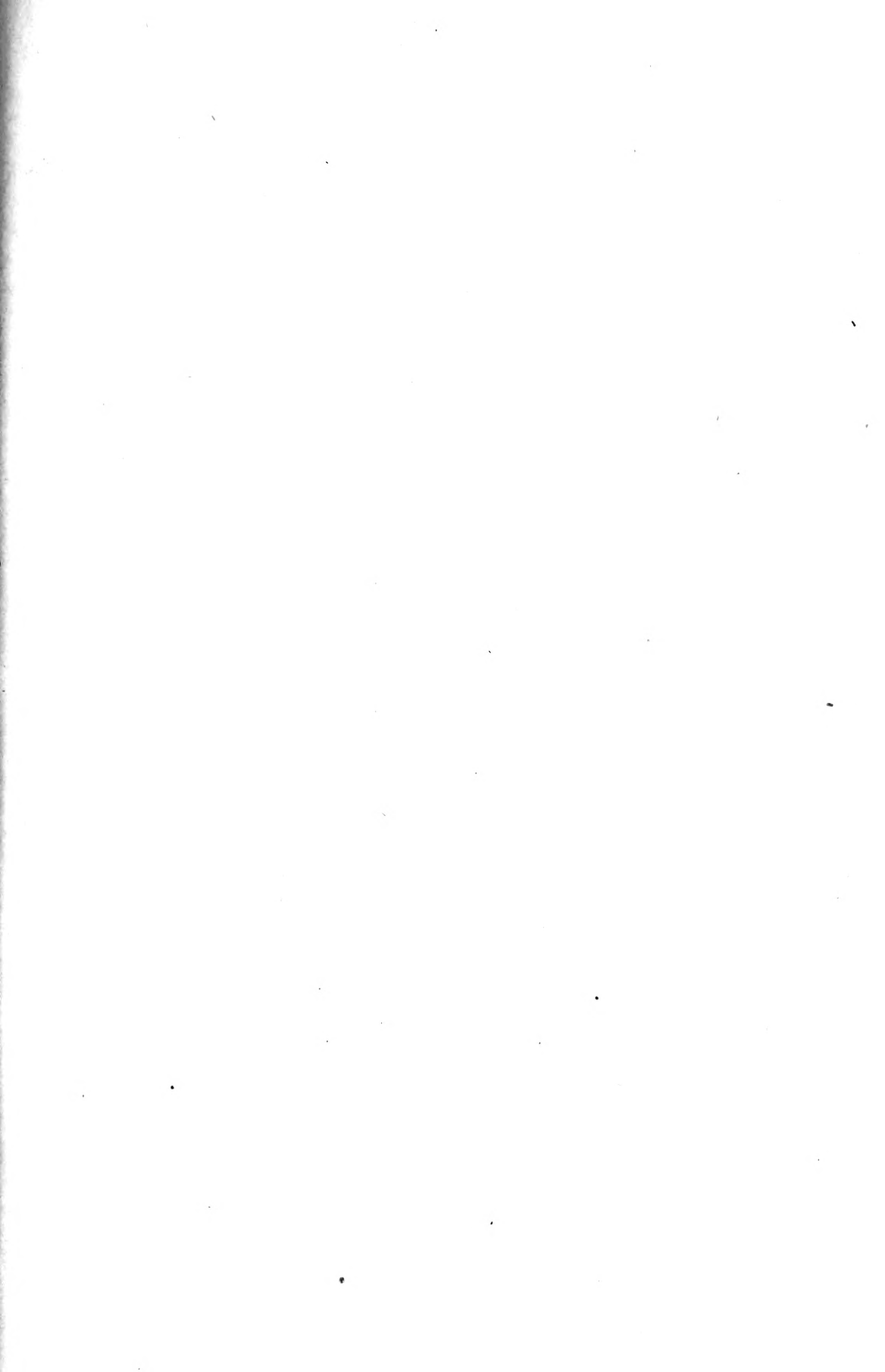
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